



**Minutes of the
ELECTRONIC EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES BOARD
March 19th, 2020**

The meeting of the Electronic Emergency Medical Services Board opened at 9:00 am CST in the Iris Room at 665 Mainstream Drive, Nashville, Tennessee as well as on the phone.

Present in the Room
Tyler White, EMS Board Member
Brandon Ward, EMS Director
Paul Richards Legal Counsel
Kyonzte Hughes-Toombs Legal Counsel
Tory Ferguson, RBAA3

Board Members present on the phone	
Chrm. Dr. Sullivan Smith, Board Chair	James Ross RN
William Beaman	Dennis Rowe
Dr. Chris Brooks	Tim Strange
Kappu Deshpande	Jeanne Yeatman RN
Greg Patterson	
Brian Robinson	
Twila Rose	Thomas Dunavant was absent

Others present on the phone
Hansel Cook, EMS Assistant Director
Joe Holley, State Medical Director

Mr. Ward read a statement to the Board what the purpose for this electronic board meeting was for, changes in the rules due to the COVID 19 outbreak. He then read the requirements for the electronic board meeting. He then asked Ms. Ferguson to call the roll and asked the Board members to say present when their name was called:

Roll Call Vote Results						
Name	Present	Absent		Name	Present	Absent
Chrm Dr. Sullivan Smith	X			Twila Rose	X	
William Beaman	X			James Ross RN	X	
Dr. Chris Brooks	X			Dennis Rowe	X	
Kappu Deshpande	X			Tim Strange	X	

Thomas Dunavant		X	Tyler White	X	
Greg Patterson	X		Jeanne Yeatman RN	X	
Brian Robinson	X				

There is a quorum.

Mr. Ward then asked Ms. Ferguson to make sure each Board Member could hear the other members and asked the Board Members to answer when their name was called. Ms. Ferguson asked each Board Member if they could hear the rest of the Board Members and the ones present in the room clearly:

Roll Call Vote Results							
Name	Aye	Nay	Absent	Name	Aye	Nay	Absent
Chrm Dr. Sullivan Smith	X			Twila Rose	X		
William Beaman	X			James Ross RN	X		
Dr. Chris Brooks	X			Dennis Rowe	X		
Kappu Deshpande	X			Tim Strange	X		
Thomas Dunavant			X	Tyler White	X		
Greg Patterson	X			Jeanne Yeatman RN	X		
Brian Robinson	X						

Mr. Ward then asked for a motion to hold the board meeting electronically and explained that every motion will have to be a roll call vote and Ms. Ferguson will be reading the names for each motion.

Tyler White motioned to hold the meeting electronically, and Jeanne Yeatman seconded:

Roll Call Vote Results							
Name	Aye	Nay	Absent	Name	Aye	Nay	Absent
Chrm Dr. Sullivan Smith	X			Twila Rose	X		
William Beaman	X			James Ross RN	X		
Dr. Chris Brooks	X			Dennis Rowe	X		
Kappu Deshpande	X			Tim Strange	X		
Thomas Dunavant			X	Tyler White	X		
Greg Patterson	X			Jeanne Yeatman RN	X		
Brian Robinson	X						

Motion carried.

The motioned passed to have the electronic board meeting and Mr. Ward then turned it over to the Chair. Dr. Smith.

Dr. Smith stated that the purpose of the meeting was to make plans in case the COVID 19 gets worse and asked Mr. Ward to explain what needs to happen. Mr. Ward explained that it will be a possible change to the rules. He stated that the EMS Board cannot waive the rules, but they can make recommendations to Dr. Piercy, but the Governor has the authority to authorize the changes. Dr. Smith asked Mr. Ward to go over the recommendation one at a time and vote on them individually. The recommendation and votes are as follows:

1. CPR cards to be extended 60 past the current expiration date and follow any extension if needed:
Tyler White motioned to accept, and Jeff Beaman seconded

Roll Call Vote Results								
Name	Aye	Nay	Absent		Name	Aye	Nay	Absent
Chrm Dr. Sullivan Smith	X				Twila Rose	X		
William Beaman	X				James Ross RN	X		
Dr. Chris Brooks	X				Dennis Rowe	X		
Kappu Deshpande	X				Tim Strange	X		
Thomas Dunavant			X		Tyler White	X		
Greg Patterson	X				Jeanne Yeatman RN	X		
Brian Robinson	X							

Motion carried.

- To extend all March, April, May and June licenses expiration date that are in good standing up 90 days:
Tyler White motioned to accept, and Jeanne Yeatman seconded

Roll Call Vote Results								
Name	Aye	Nay	Absent		Name	Aye	Nay	Absent
Chrm Dr. Sullivan Smith	X				Twila Rose	X		
William Beaman	X				James Ross RN	X		
Dr. Chris Brooks	X				Dennis Rowe	X		
Kappu Deshpande	X				Tim Strange	X		
Thomas Dunavant			X		Tyler White	X		
Greg Patterson	X				Jeanne Yeatman RN	X		
Brian Robinson	X							

Motion Carried.

- To suspend monthly audits asking for CE's for the next 12 months:
Dennis Rowe motioned to accept, and Kappu Deshpande seconded

Roll Call Vote Results								
Name	Aye	Nay	Absent		Name	Aye	Nay	Absent
Chrm Dr. Sullivan Smith	X				Twila Rose	X		
William Beaman	X				James Ross RN	X		
Dr. Chris Brooks	X				Dennis Rowe	X		
Kappu Deshpande	X				Tim Strange	X		
Thomas Dunavant			X		Tyler White	X		
Greg Patterson	X				Jeanne Yeatman RN	X		
Brian Robinson	X							

Motion Carried.

- The last recommendation was for the National Registry Exam. Mr. Ward explained that National Registry was closed and they could not do the practical portion. They recommend that any person who has completed the written exam but has not been able to take the practical will be given a provisional license from National Registry. If they have that we then issue them a conditional license until they are

able to obtain the practical. They will have to work with a person who has a license, they will not be allowed to work with another person that just has a conditional license:

Tim Strange motioned to accept, and Jeff Beaman seconded

Roll Call Vote Results							
Name	Aye	Nay	Absent	Name	Aye	Nay	Absent
Chrm Dr. Sullivan Smith	X			Twila Rose	X		
William Beaman	X			James Ross RN	X		
Dr. Chris Brooks	X			Dennis Rowe	X		
Kappu Deshpande	X			Tim Strange	X		
Thomas Dunavant			X	Tyler White	X		
Greg Patterson	X			Jeanne Yeatman RN	X		
Brian Robinson	X						

Motion Carried

Mr. Ward then went on to explain that have started working on recommendations for the services to make sure they have to people to work on the vehicles. The first one is the getting the conditional licenses issued and if they run through them and still need people they will look into having the ones that hold an EMT license but may not be working in the field now and may be working for a Fire Department to come over and work if possible. If we go through all of them, looking at EMR and possible looking at EMT students that have completed the didactic portion and place them in the service. They may not hold a license, but they have had the training. Once all of those resources have been exhausted, they will be looking at anyone who have the necessary driver's license and even looking at the military medic, even just military personal. Military personal is trained in operating heavy equipment vehicles and taking orders. Mr. Ward stated that they will not wave the rule about bringing in people that are not licensed as an EMT in to drive the vehicles at this time. He stated that if we ever reach that level, we need to make sure we put people that have been trained or at least has a CDL license. Mr. Ward stated that they have come up with alternative staffing plans that they have talked to the Regional Consultants but have asked them not to discuss this publicly.

Mr. Ward talked about the Regional Consultants that EMT, AEMT and Paramedics are not to be used to help test for the COVID. The rule states that they can vaccinate but they cannot test.

Dr. Holley asked if the Committee Meetings have been canceled and Mr. Ward stated that all meeting in the building have been postponed until further notice. Dr. Smith asked if anybody else had anything to discuss and Mr. Ward stated that it will require a roll call vote to adjourn.

Tyler White motioned to adjourn meeting, and Tim Strange seconded

Roll Call Vote Results							
Name	Aye	Nay	Absent	Name	Aye	Nay	Absent
Chrm Dr. Sullivan Smith	X			Twila Rose	X		
William Beaman	X			James Ross RN	X		
Dr. Chris Brooks	X			Dennis Rowe	X		
Kappu Deshpande	X			Tim Strange	X		
Thomas Dunavant			X	Tyler White	X		
Greg Patterson	X			Jeanne Yeatman RN	X		
Brian Robinson	X						

Mr. Ward let the Board know that the June Board Meeting will be a WebEx meeting unless things got better, and they could meet in person.
The meeting was adjourned.